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Reply to Office Action of August 22, 2007

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached Replacement sheets of drawings including Figures 1 and 2 replace the original sheets containing Figures 1 and 2. Approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Attachment: two (2) Replacement sheets

REMARKS

With the cancellation of claim 12 without prejudice, claims 13 to 22 are pending and being considered in the present application, since claims 1 to 11 were previously canceled.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the acknowledgement for the claim of foreign priority and the indication that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

With respect to the references disclosed in the prior Information Disclosure Statement, which were apparently not provided by the International Search Authority, on October 24, 2007, Applicants submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 paper, which includes previously disclosed courtesy copies of the references. Accordingly, no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

The Office Action Summary indicates that the drawings were objected to, but the substantive portion of the Office Action does not indicate the reasons for the objection to the drawings. Accordingly, clarification of the objection to the drawings in the next Office communication is respectfully requested.

The title was objected to as not being descriptive. Applicants have amended the title to obviate the present objection. Withdrawal of the objection to the title is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 13 and 14 include allowable subject matter. In this regard, the Examiner will note that claim 13, from which claim 14 depends, has been rewritten in independent form. The Examiner will further note that each of claims 15, 18, and 20 to 22 has been amended so that claims 15 to 22 depend from claim 13. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 13 and its dependent claims, *i.e.*, claims 14 to 22, are allowable.

The remaining rejected claim 12 has been canceled without prejudice, so as to obviate all the remaining claim rejections.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims as previously presented in a continuation patent application. Further, any disclaimer that may have occurred during the prosecution of this application is expressly rescinded as regards any subsequently filed patent application.

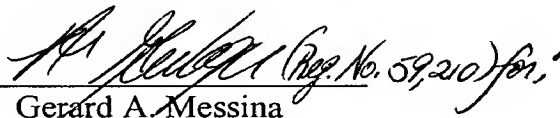
Accordingly, all of pending claims 13 to 22 are allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of pending claims 13 to 22 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections and rejections be withdrawn. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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